



# JSEI Affiliates

## *Volunteer Opportunities and Interest Form*

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Organized in 1990, the JSEI Affiliates is a broad-based volunteer network that supports the Jules Stein Eye Institute. The Affiliates' mission is to "provide outreach to the Greater Los Angeles community through vision science education and services."

The successes of the JSEI Affiliates' programs are a result of its volunteers' dedication. Currently, volunteers are being recruited for the following programs; training is provided.

The volunteer commitment is a minimum of ten hours per year. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete and return the Volunteer Interest Form.

### **Preschool Vision Screening, Screening Assistant:**

The program: The Jules Stein Eye Institute Preschool Vision Screening Program screens children for simple refractive errors and eye muscle problems, using a variety of tests designed specifically for preschoolers. The screenings utilize the RetinoMax device, a specially designed camera for pre-verbal children to scan for refractive and eye muscle problems. Though only eye care professionals can diagnose and treat a vision problem, these screenings are an essential tool for identifying children in need of a full eye examination.

The facts: Eighty percent of all the information received by the brain comes in through our eyes. Vision problems affect 1 in 20 preschoolers, most of who do not realize they are not seeing properly. Therefore, vision screening for preschool children is extremely important. If a child is not seeing properly, his/her capacity to learn can be impaired. Undiagnosed early childhood vision problems can result in developmental problems, learning disabilities, and can cause irreparable damage to the visual system.

How can you help? Before eye care professionals screen the preschoolers, you'll provide coloring materials and assure them the process is painless and fun. As the doctor/volunteer checks their vision, you'll hold their hand or assist in the administrative portion of recording the results. After the exam, you'll help them color a picture, and you'll reward their bravery with a sticker.

Time commitment: Approximately 2 to 4 hours

**Check box if area of interest**

### **Vision IN-School Instructor:**

The program: This popular program targets fourth-through sixth-grade students. The curriculum, originally designed by the National Eye Institute (NEI) in cooperation with the Association for Research in Vision Ophthalmology (ARVO), is a fun and informative learning experience for students, teachers, and instructors.

The facts: Ninety percent of eye injuries in children can be prevented. In this program, children learn the importance of eye health and eye safety, and they learn how their eyes work and how to protect their eyes.

How can you help? You, along with an eye care professional, will go into local classrooms and provide an hour of interactive vision education. You'll teach students about the anatomy of the eye, the

mechanics of vision, problems that interfere with vision, and eye health and safety. You'll lead activities to illustrate depth eye!

Time commitment: Approximately 2 hours

Check box if area of interest

**Eyeglass Collection Drive Leader, Shared Vision Program:**

Organize an eyeglass drive and donate the used spectacles to a recycling program that benefits those in need. Spectacles are refurbished and distributed to health clinics and homeless shelters both here and abroad. This is the perfect project for organizations looking for a one-time or on-going community service project. Donated eyewear should be sent to JSEI Affiliates located at 100 Stein Plaza, 3-219, Los Angeles, California 90095-7000.

Check box if area of interest

**On Demand Volunteer Opportunities:**

For people who want to volunteer, but not on a regular basis, please consider one of the following volunteer opportunities that frequently arise at the Jules Stein Eye Institute. Check box if area of interest:

- Bruin Vision Project
- Mailing Assistant, *JSEI Development Office*
- Special Event Volunteer, *JSEI Affiliates and JSEI Development Office*
- Make Surgery Bearable "Bear Tagging" Volunteer, *JSEI Development Office*
- Others \_\_\_\_\_

For additional inquiries, please contact Shirley Egbert, Volunteer Coordinator, at 310-206-7128 or email [egbert@jsei.ucla.edu](mailto:egbert@jsei.ucla.edu). Thank you for your interest in the JSEI Affiliates programs!

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